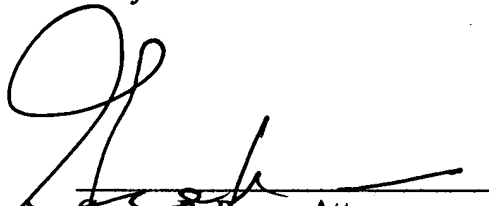


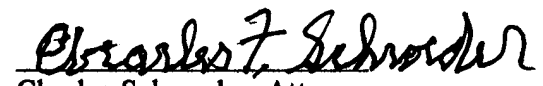
II. REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended (under 35 USC 112) pursuant to the request of the Examiner.

III. CONCLUSION:

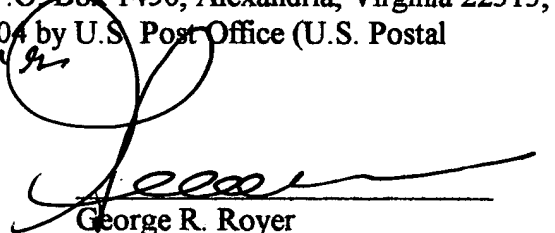
In conclusion, applicant submits the amended claims 1 and new claim 2 are ready for allowance in view of the request of the Examiner. Claim 3 is cancelled upon condition of allowance of claims 1 and 2, as amended. Appellant maintains that the application is ready for allowance.


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CLAIM ONE: (AMENDED)

An obstacle course for testing driving skills of a vehicle operation by a driver comprising:

- a. a roadway in such obstacle course, said roadway having opposing lateral edges;
- b. movable contact members positioned on or adjacent to said roadway edges with said contact members having means to record electrically any impact against a contact member when said vehicle hits one of said contact members, said moveable contact members having outer surfaces comprised of a pliable material, with each said contact members having a downwardly depending extension member which is comprised of an electrical conducting material and with a portion of said downwardly depending extension member being disposed in an open cylindrical chamber, said cylindrical chamber having an inner surface with said inner surface of said open cylindrical chamber being comprised of an electrical conduction material whereby an electrical signal is generated whenever one of said contact members receives an impact upon [moving] movement of said downwardly depending extension member to touch a portion of said inner surface of said open cylindrical chamber;
- c. speed tabulation means affixed near said roadway to calculate the said vehicle speed and elapsed time through said roadway;
- d. computer calculation means associated with each of said moveable contact members and said speed tabulation means to register the score of said driver through the obstacle course based on a direct function of speed through said roadway of said vehicle

determined by said speed tabulation means and an inverse function of the number of the moveable contact members contacted by said vehicle proceeding through said roadway.

CLAIM TWO: (AMENDED)

An obstacle course for testing driving skills of a vehicle operation by a driver comprising:

- a. a roadway in such obstacle course, said roadway having opposing lateral edges;
- b. moveable contact members positioned on or adjacent to said roadway edges with said contact members having means to record electrically any impact against a contact member when said vehicle hits one of said contact members, each of said moveable contact members having outer surfaces comprised of a pliable material, said contact members each having a vertically disposed lower support bar coaxially with a bottom portion supported disposed in a conformingly shaped coil spring member, and wherein said bottom portion of said lower support bar is electrically conductible and wherein said bottom portion is held in a cylindrical chamber having an inner surface wherein [a portion of] said inner surface[,] of said chamber is comprised of electrical conductive material, whereby an electrical signal is generated whenever said bottom portion of said lower support bar is moved into contact with said inner surface of said cylindrical chamber;
- c. speed tabulation means affixed near said roadway to calculate the speed of said vehicle speed and elapsed time through said roadway;
- d. computer calculation means associated with each of said moveable contact members and said speed tabulation means to register the score of said driver in said vehicle through the obstacle course based on a direct function of speed through said roadway of said vehicle determined by said speed tabulation means and an inverse function

of the number of the moveable contact members contacted by said vehicle proceeding
though said roadway.

CLAIM THREE: (CANCELED)